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## Summer campus buzzes with activity



Summer may be a slow time at some campuses but not at Morehead State University.

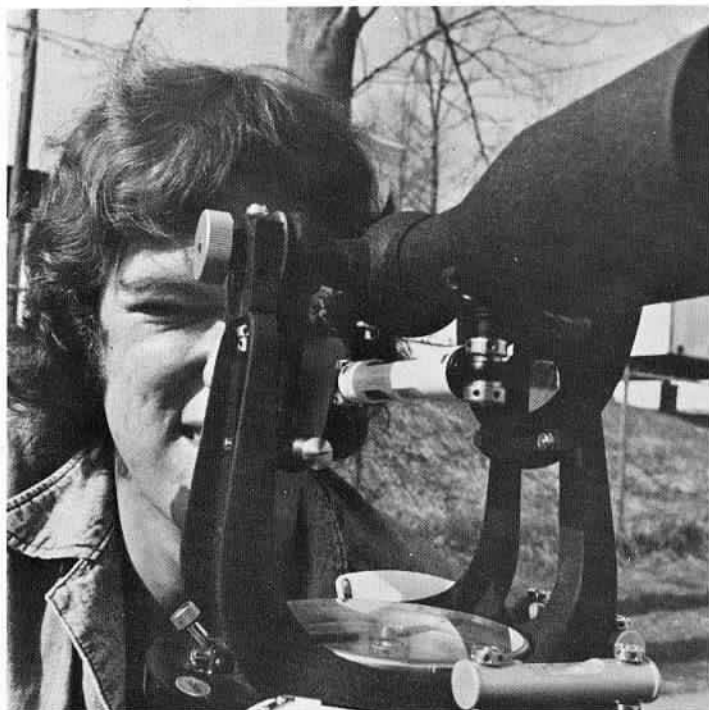
More than 9,000 persons made arrangements to visit the campus during June, July and August. And nearly a third of them stay at least one night in connection with the camps, workshops, conferences, seminars, schools, institutes, festivals and other events which dot MSU's summer calendar.

The stream of visitors plus nearly 4,000 students

enrolled for Summer I and Summer II make the MSU campus a busy place during what traditionally is a slow season for academe.

"We are very proud of our record of service as a regional, statewide and national meeting place for all types of organizations," said Charles Myers, MSU's director of school relations. "And we welcome inquiries from other groups looking for a modern, convenient and peaceful place to meet."

# Mining tech going "to the people"



MSU is taking its mining technology program to the people.

MSU has been assigned a vehicle by the U.S. Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration (MESA) to assist in providing in-service training in the field.

The mining technology program is designed to produce technicians for entry-level supervising positions.

Students receive instruction in surveying, mine hydraulics, safety and accident prevention, roof and rib control, ventilation, electricity, safety codes, and mining equipment.

But students aren't bound to the classroom.

The program also offers course work in personnel supervision and has a requirement for actual work experience in a mine.

"Our program is unique in many ways," explained Dr. Robert Newton, head of the Department of Industrial Education and Technology. "It allows

students to concentrate on a highly-specialized field and offers them classroom instruction as well as on-the-job training."

The associate degree program is designed to offer four semesters of classroom work and one summer of cooperative study where students work in an actual mine for 10 weeks.

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**AN EYEFULL** — Randy Baker, Greenup freshman, is not gazing at the stars but gaining field experience in surveying during class work at Morehead State University. Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Baker of Greenup and is majoring in mining technology.

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"This program is another example of the University serving the needs of our region," said Dr. Newton. "Mining is vital to the economy of Eastern Kentucky and we are offering a program to improve methods and production."

In addition to mining engineering subjects, students also receive instruction in safety codes and conduct.

"The federal and state governments are investigating safety procedures," said Dr. Newton. "Therefore it is important that we stress this area to our students."

Combining course work and practical experience in all areas of mining, MSU's mining technology is quickly becoming an integral part of the industry.

Graduates of the program are working with companies as mining technicians, foremen and supervisors.

## Campus capsules

Starting this fall, MSU students will need better grades to qualify for the Academic Dean's List.

Dr. John Duncan, vice president for academic affairs, has announced that the minimum grade-point average for the Dean's List has been raised to 3.4 on a 4.0 (A) scale.

Mrs. Carol Holt, MSU's director of Placement Services, has been elected president of the Kentucky College Placement Association for 1977-78. The organization consists of more than 100 college placement officers and employers who recruit Kentucky college graduates.

MSU's Medical Assisting Program has received accreditation by the American Medical Association in cooperation with the American Association of Medical Assistants. This special accreditation entitles MSU graduates to sit for national certification exams upon graduation.

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**By President Morris L. Norfleet**

## **Mission statement stresses Appalachian ties**

From its founding, Morehead State University has been deeply committed to serving the people and institutions of Appalachia. This is partly due to Morehead State's location: it is the only state university that is situated within the mountainous terrain of Eastern Kentucky. The majority of Morehead State's students have always been drawn from Kentucky's mountain counties. Additionally, most of the University's out-of-state students either come from Appalachian communities near Kentucky's northern and eastern borders or have family roots in Eastern Kentucky.

Understandably, Morehead State's primary contributions to Appalachian development have been in the form of educational opportunities for mountain people. Morehead State alumni are located throughout Eastern Kentucky and constitute a major portion of the region's teachers, technicians, businessmen, and public servants. The University offers a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses at off-campus sites within Eastern Kentucky, in the interest of providing continuing educational opportunities for persons presently involved in Appalachian service.

In recent years Morehead State has offered an increasing number of technical programs that are specifically designed to meet current manpower needs in Appalachia. Courses leading to associate degrees in mining technology and reclamation technology are particularly timely in view of Eastern Kentucky's recent coal boom. Programs in construction technology, welding technology, and industrial arts are aimed at preparing students to become specialists in the building and industrial trades. Academic offerings in nursing, radiologic technology, home economics, and agriculture are all directly related to the developmental needs of the Appalachian region.

Morehead State is recognized throughout Eastern Kentucky for its dedication to regional service. A wide variety of service programs have been conducted by the University over the years, including programs in health care, adult basic education, assistance to local governments, job training and counseling, and home management. The campus has always served as a hospitable gathering place for service-oriented organizations from the Appalachian region. A review of the University calendar shows that Morehead State is

either host or sponsor for a steady schedule of conferences and workshops dealing with topics of regional significance.

Even the faculty research at Morehead State University tends to be concerned with Appalachian issues. Over the years, numerous studies have been conducted relating academic disciplines to the interests and needs of the region. Some examples are:

"A Survey of the Needs in the Sciences and Mathematics (K-12) in the Appalachian Region of Eastern Kentucky," by Dr. William R. Falls and Dr. John G. Fryman; "The Children of Deceased and Disabled Coal Miners in Eastern Kentucky," by Dr. Henry H. B. Chang; "Towns of Coal and Iron: Appalachia, 1889-1893," by Dr. Stuart Seely Sprague; "Developing Geologic Structural Criteria for Predicting Unstable Mine Roof Rocks," by Dr. David K. Hylbert.

Earlier this year the Kentucky Council on Higher Education approved a mission statement for Morehead State University which summarizes its principal objectives. This mission statement formalizes and reinforces the University's role of contributing to the development of the Appalachian region.

According to the Council on Higher Education, "Morehead State University shall serve as a residential, regional university providing a broad range of educational programs to the people of northern and eastern Kentucky . . . The University should continue to meet the needs of teacher education in its primary service region and should continue to develop programs to enhance the economic growth in Appalachia and meet needs in business, fine arts, and selected technical programs. The University should provide applied research, service, and continuing education programs directly related to the needs of its primary service region."

It should be pointed out that Morehead State's mission statement is the only one among the state universities containing a specific charge "to develop programs to enhance the economic growth of Appalachia." This guiding mandate is extremely important to Morehead State, and serves to heighten the University's determination to excel within the realm of service to Appalachia.





**SPECIAL GRAD AT WORK** — Brenda Carol Catron of Clearfield, recognized this year as Morehead State University's 20,000th graduate, is shown on duty as a student teacher at Rowan County High School.

## 'Perfect' coed No. 20,000

A 21-year-old coed who grew up within sight of the Morehead State University campus has the distinction of being MSU's 20,000th graduate.

Brenda Carol Catron of Clearfield also completed her bachelor's degree with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

A French and English major who eventually plans to become a high school teacher, Miss Catron was No. 157 in line to receive a diploma during spring commencement. At the end of 1976, MSU had awarded 19,843 degrees since the first class went out in 1927.

"This is very exciting," the 1973 Rowan County High School graduate said of her status. "Graduation is a wonderful feeling and this makes it even more enjoyable."

Her connection with MSU goes beyond the classroom. Her father, Talmadge, is a member of the University's maintenance staff.

Miss Catron was a student teacher at RCHS during the spring semester and went to Europe this summer on an MSU study tour through the department of history.

She will return to the campus this fall to begin work on a master's degree in English.

"Morehead State University is very important to me," she stated. "It is a fine school and I am very grateful for the opportunity I had to make friends and to study with excellent professors."

## Ostar backs public colleges

Dr. Allan W. Ostar, executive director of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, encouraged MSU's spring graduates to support public higher education.

Dr. Ostar received an honorary doctoral degree during the ceremony.

"State colleges and universities are charged with three major responsibilities," said Ostar. "The first is to provide an education to students which will develop their potential. Secondly, they must provide their regions and states with qualified personnel, and, thirdly, they must serve as an educational and cultural center."

Ostar challenged the graduates to give in return.

"You had the opportunity to benefit from low tuition in higher education in Kentucky," he said. "As citizens and taxpayers, you now assume the responsibility for support of this institution."

MSU is among the 324 members of AASCU.



**TEAMWORK** — MSU President Morris L. Norfleet and Janet Duncan, Leesburg, Ohio, junior, lend a hand with the pouring of a concrete ramp on a campus sidewalk as part of MSU's first "Handicap Awareness Day." The ramp was among several projects initiated in recent weeks to eliminate architectural barriers to handicapped students on the MSU campus.

# Vet tech newest MSU health career



**READING X-RAYS** — Dr. Jerry Slaughter, director of Morehead State University's veterinary technology program, discusses x-rays with Caryl Kline, Prospect junior, who is majoring in "vet tech" at MSU.

Kentucky veterinarians need help and Morehead State University is doing something about it.

Through an associate degree program in veterinary technology which was initiated in 1973, MSU is preparing students to become "animal technicians" to assist veterinarians in their daily tasks.

Learning to function much like a physician's assistant, the "vet tech" students are being taught to perform blood and urine analysis, surgery preparation, post-operative care and other skills. They are prohibited by law from diagnosing medical problems and administering treatment.

To make sure the program is effective, MSU is getting advice from the people it is trying to help.

"We have an advisory committee of veterinarians from across Kentucky who know what a program like this needs," said Dr. Charles Derrickson, dean of MSU's School of Applied Sciences and Technology. "We use the advice of veterinarians because they know what we have and what we should be doing."

In addition, officials at MSU have completed a self study and made application for accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The AVMA will visit MSU this fall as the final step in the process.

The program is gaining in popularity, but MSU is limiting its "vet tech" enrollment.

"We have one of the most modern laboratory facilities anywhere," Dr. Derrickson stated. "Our students have an opportunity to work in everything they might face on the job. But we are taking no more than 30 students into the program each year because of the size of our clinic."

Classroom and clinical instruction are handled by MSU's staff of three veterinarians and one animal technician.

The clinical phase of the program occupies most of the second year and ends with an eight-week summer "preceptorship" under the guidance of a veterinarian in private practice.

The job opportunities in veterinary technology are good, according to Dr. Derrickson.

"At this time there are more jobs than graduates and the market is open," he said. "And we feel that when the veterinarians see the quality of our graduates, even more jobs will be created."



**DRAWING BLOOD** — Alma Lake, Morehead sophomore at Morehead State University, draws blood from a dog at MSU's Veterinary Clinic. Assisting is Elaine Wells, Paris sophomore. Both coeds are majoring in veterinary technology.



**MELONS, NOT FELONS** — MSU Security Officer John D. Barnett shares a piece of watermelon with visiting children on the MSU campus.

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- \$5,000 from the Rigdon K. Ratliff Estate, Ann Arbor, Mich., for the Inez Faith Humphrey Scholarships in English.
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- \$1,000 yearly from the Morehead News, Inc. for journalism scholarships to Eastern Kentucky students.
- \$18,000 from Kentucky Department of Human Resources for training of emergency medical technicians (EMT).
- \$31,835 from Corporation for Public Broadcasting for staff support of WMKY Radio.
- \$3,550 from Governor's Council on Agriculture for establishment of demonstration vineyard.
- \$14,356 from Kentucky Council on Higher Education for training of social work and sociology students in rural community health and rehabilitation.
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